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Thursday, June 17, 1999

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On the Cover: This original log cabin built by Emmett Hayden and his wife is the last of the original US Forest Service lease summer home cabins that were built along Mammoth Creek and is now a museum run by the Southern Mono Historical Society. Photo by Jo Ann Ellebracht

# Cover Story



Photo by Jo Ann Ellebracht

Nestled in a little meadow, with the Sherwins behind, and the Mammoth Creek running swiftly in front, tall Jeffrey Pines surrounding it, the Hayden Cabin is now a museum, and stands as a reminder that life in the Sierra was good. Below is the rock fireplace built by Emmett Hayden.

## A Treasure Still Stands in a Small Meadow in Mammoth Lakes

By Jo Ann Ellebracht

A well kept secret in Mammoth Lakes that needs to be told, is about a History Museum in a log cabin. It is filled to capacity with photos of the past and wonderful artifacts and history about life in Mammoth Lakes in the early 1900s. This log cabin is the last of the original US Forest Service lease summer home cabins built along Mammoth Creek.

Hidden away in a little meadow, next to the Mammoth Creek sits the cabin built by Emmett Hayden and his wife Margaret. Emmett and Margaret came to Mammoth in 1927, not to ski, but to hunt, fish and hike and for the beauty of the Sierra. Emmett was a map maker, surveyor and sportsman from Glendale, CA.

After obtaining a 99 year lease from the Forest Service for

\$50 a year, work began on the cabin. With help from his friends, lodge pole pine logs were cut 10 miles away at Deadman Summit and were hauled to the new site one by one behind their vehicles. Jack Greth, Vincent Ruh, Pete Aigner and local residents including Harold Gueman slowly put the cabin together by hand.

With the logs needing one year to season, shelter was needed and so a fast cabin was constructed close to the creek. For eleven years the Haydens and their friends continued to work on their

summer home.

As a map maker, Emmett mapped much of the Eastern Sierra. His precise road and trail maps were among the first 20th Century maps and eventually became the USGS Topographical and later Auto Club maps.

In 1984 the Forest Service canceled the Haydens permit and four other cabins. The four cab-

ins were burned down by the Forest Service for fire protection practice. The Southern Mono Historical Society stepped in and saved the Haydens cabin to use as a museum.

The Mammoth Museum is open seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and there is no admission fee. You are welcome to bring a picnic and hike on the grounds. Several weddings and special events are held on the beautiful park-like grounds each year. The museum is easy to find. On Old Mammoth Road, drive west past the Vons Shopping Center, Mammoth Creek Park will be on your left, and Sherwin Creek Road will be on your left after crossing Mammoth Creek. Turn left and watch for signs. Just before the Sierra Meadows Ranch, turn left on a gravel road and watch for signs.

The Museum is operated by the Southern Mono Historical Society as a non-profit organization. Become a member or just volunteer your time and talents. Watch this paper's calendar for future events at the Museum. Write to: Southern Mono Historical Society, write P.O. Box 65 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, or call Bill Sauser at (760) 934-6157.

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# Featured Columnists

Leigh  
Montgomery



## Spring Weather Heralds the Hiking Season

**Trailside  
By Leigh S. Montgomery**

The first hike of the season comes only after greeting a morning that offers sun and warmth after what we hope was the last dump of snow. Pacing yourself is a good thing to do on any hike and is especially true of the first hike of the season. You must keep in mind that you are hiking on your ski legs. If you skied all winter, you legs are strong but not necessarily in the places you need them to be for summer hiking.

Now, my husband and I are not hikers however that doesn't stop us from hiking. What? What I mean to say is that we have no experience hiking like so many people who live here in the Sierra. We came to hiking late in life and we find it hard work. We continue to do it because it offers the reward of seeing places and things that we would not otherwise see.

We want to hike because we want to see the places here that you can only see from a hiking trail. Our Star Trek-like thinking goes something like this--"to go where no vehicle has gone before."

Whenever possible, we hook up with the Sierra Club Range of Light Group. The hikes are included weekly in the calendar section of This Week. This past Sunday the club led an eight mile long hike down Lower Rock Creek. Now for us the word, down offered a special attraction.

We were not quite so enthusiastic about the eight mile part. It did seemed like a good opportunity to trade our winter muscles for summer ones.

Everyone gathered in the

parking lot of the Union Bank in Mammoth at 8 AM. There were 15 of us with our sunscreen, water bottles, hats and hiking boots plus three dogs. We car pooled down to the entrance of the trail where half the group waited and the other half took vehicles down to Paradise thereby giving us a quick way back.

A good thing about these hikes is that there is a wide variety of skill levels and ages. Following good Sierra Club practices, the organization of the hike includes a sign-in sheet, a leader and a sweep. If a hiker

The trail is unique in that it is a dual function trail serving both mountain bikers and hikers. The handbook points out that "the creek cut a strange 500-foot gorge into the pink and tan rocks of the Bishop tuff, exposing the marvelous varied colors and textures in its vertical walls." The book does not mention the full rush of a spring flow in the creek that runs full speed beside us even as we saunter along in the sunshine. Creek sounds compete with the twitter of birds that remain hidden from view. Somehow I find myself some-

what ahead of my group of slower hikers. But how far I ask myself? I want to yield to a desire to sit along the banks of this creek, remove my boots and socks and dip my hot cramped feet in the cold rushing water. I am going to do it. Just removing the boots is pure pleasure. I find the water beyond cold and quickly pull out my feet

to massage my metatarsals. Briefly I dip my feet again and am just putting back on my last boot when my group approaches.

Two of the men report having seen a humming bird. Meanwhile there is discussion about the many varied flowers that present themselves as sentinels along the trail. There were Western Blue Flag Irises, tiny and few but glorious Mariposa Lilies, tiger lilies that have grown tall in the sunshine and plentiful water, Primroses, Wild Onion, milkweed and many more that we could not name. We saw a snake, lizards and butterflies.

Yes, we were tired when we finished. A hot tub and a good night sleep took care of that.



Photo by Leigh Montgomery

The gangs all here, stopping for a breath of air. The Sierra Club hikes are open to the public and for any hiking ability.

wants to leave the group they must sign out. This group usually includes novice hikers and visitors to Mammoth from several sea level locations as well as local experienced hikers and backpackers. The age of the group can range from late teen to 80 years old. Some members of our group completed the hike at 1:00 PM and others at 2:30 PM. It was a hike that was well suited to this range of ability and age.

"Rock Creek Gorge to Paradise Camp is a described in a handbook of the local area called, Mammoth Lakes Sierra as a "moderate hike of about 8 miles in length. The trailhead is at the Junction of US 395 and Lower Rock Creek Road, old 395, just a mile south of Toms Place.

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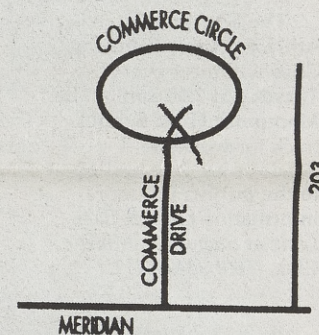
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## ONGOING

The Book Chalet, Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library's used bookstore is open and located at 645 Old Mammoth Rd in the Sherwin Plaza I, across from the Stove Restaurant. Wed.-Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers staff the Book Chalet. All proceeds go directly to the library. Additional volunteers are always needed and book donations are also needed and are tax deductible. Call (760) 924-2593.

Every Friday night at The Trout Fitter, join Steve Kennedy for their Friday Night Fly Tying with Free seminars weekly featuring the best regional and international fly tyers. Call (760) 924-3676 for more information.

The Snowcreek Athletic Club's Running Club will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Mammoth High School track for workouts. Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information contact Ilana Levin at Snowcreek Athletic Club, (760) 934-8511.

Bodie State Historic Park's new hours starting May 1, 99 will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person and children under six are \$1. There is a \$1 charge for dogs. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. For information, call (760) 647-6445. The turnoff for the park is located seven miles south of Bridgeport on Highway 395.

Emma Keebler, a long time local will display her paintings at the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library during May and June. Emma is well known as an avid hiker and outdoor person. She is self taught and describes herself as a 'primitive'. Stop by the library and see the Sierra on canvas. For more information, call (760) 934-4777.

Nature walks are offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at Mono Lake's South Tufa Area. Take Hwy 395 to Hwy 120 E. and follow signs.

## June 17-23

### Thursday

The Annual Convict Lake Spring Trout Derby is now through June 20. For more information call (760) 934-3800.



Crowley Lake Fish Campground Trophy Trout Roundup Derby June 1-30. For more information, call (760) 935-4301.

Visit the Lee Vining Schoolhouse Museum in Lee Vining on Hwy 395. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed Wednesday during the summer.

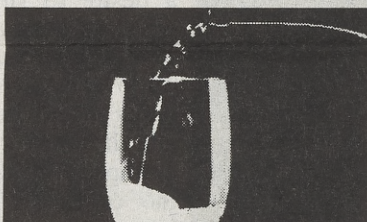
The Eastern Sierra Art League moves its traveling 395 Art Odyssey Show to the Creekside Inn in Bishop on June 17-20.

A mountain bike clinic taught by Cindy Whitehead will take place at Shady Rest park for children of ages 8-12. If you want to get professional mountain bike instruction, this is the class to take. Focus will be on skills, strategy and fun. Call on Sat. June 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.. Cost is \$60 per participant. Call 934-8989 x222 for more information.

The Mammoth Friends of the Library need your quilts for their Quilt Show. Display your treasured quilts at their Annual Library Quilt Show on July 3-4. For more information call Susan Stokes at 934-5645.

### Friday

Stop by the Tioga Lodge for their Wine Tasting with Mitch from 4-6 p.m., on Friday, June 18. The lodge is on Hwy 395, just a few miles north of Lee Vining. You don't want to miss this beautiful place. For more information call (760) 647-6423.



### Saturday

On Saturday, June 19 the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society is sponsoring a field trip to Long Valley. Brian Tillemans, watershed ecologist, of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will be discussing the work that has been done to restore ranchlands that were once overgrazed in Long Valley. Brian will also discuss how the restoration of stream-channels help fish, birds, and other animals that live in the area. Meet at the Benton Crossing Rd. "Green Church" at 9 a.m. Take a lunch, water, walking shoes, and binoculars. Call Brian Tillemans at 872-1104 for more information.

Today is the start of the Mammoth Lakes Five Grand (\$5,000) Fishing Derby, June 19-27. Derby requires registration and a \$10 entry fee. There is also 60 chances to win \$5,000 in all six lakes participating. Call 934-3068 or stop by one of the sporting goods stores in town for more information.

The Friends of Bodie Railway & Lumber Co., Inc. will be assembling the Flat Car #8 on June 19 at the June Lake Marina. If you want to join this friendly, hardworking group, just show up on given dates. If you can't participate, but want to help restore this piece of history that once worked hard for Bodie and her residents, then please call Wanda Canton at (760) 648-7965.

The Mono Lake Committee will be hosting FREE canoe tours on Mono Lake to residents of Mono and Inyo counties and members of the press on Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20. Tours start at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. and last for about one hour. Arrive 30 minutes in advance of departure. For information or to make your reservations contact Greg Reis at (760) 647-6595.



Free Nature Walks are offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the South Tufa area at Mono Lake. Take Hwy 395 to Hwy 120 east and follow the signs to Mono Lake, South Tufa. For more information call 647-6331.

Snowcreek Athletic Club will be hold their Summer Doubles Tennis Tournament. Call Snowcreek for more information at (760) 934-8511.

The California Native Plant Society is hosting a field trip on Saturday, June 19 to Upper Harkless Flat, a basin at 8,500 feet elevation in the Inyo Mountains just north of Papoose Flat. The basin is noteworthy for the numerous CNPS-listed plant species that grow there, as well as for the undisturbed quality of its vegetation. Meet at 9 a.m. at the glacier View (Triangle) Campground at the junction of Highway 395 and 168 in Big Pine. High clearance 4-WD vehicles are required. Hiking will be easy to moderately strenuous. Take water, food, good walking shoes and appropriate clothing. Trips leave on time, so arrive early. Call trip leader Daniel Pritchett at (760) 873-8943.

Whitmore Pool's Grand Opening for the 1999 season has arrived and to celebrate the day will be a FREE Swim Day on June 19. For more information, call the Parks and Rec. office at (760) 934-8989 x222.



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**Free Women's Health Seminar** at Mammoth Hospital. Learn more about women's health issues on **Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Mammoth Mountain Inn, Sierra Room. *Call 924-4099 to register or for more information.*

**Over the Hill Gang Motocross** runs from **June 19-20**. For more information, call Dan Rodriguez at (760) 562-7795.



The **High Sierra Rock'n House of Blues** will celebrate their **First Year Anniversary** on **Saturday, June 19**. Live music by **Jive Talkin Robots** starts at **9:00 p.m.** You must be **21** and prove it! *For more information, call Phil at (760) 934-7019.*

## Sunday

### Father's Day

Enjoy springtime at Mono Lake. **Free weekly Bird Walks** will be offered on the lake's north shore. Meet at the **Mono Lake County Park** at **8:30 a.m.** Take binoculars and good walking shoes. The walks **last about 1 1/2 hours**. To reach the park, take Hwy 395 to the Cemetery Rd. turnoff, 4 miles north of Lee Vining. Turn right at the Mono Inn and go about 1/2 mile to the Mono Lake County park entrance. *For more information call (760) 647-6331.*

Hike with the **Sierra Club Range of Light Group** on **Sunday, June 20** for an easy 7 miles on trail to **Starkweather Lake** from Minaret entrance station. They hope to see many **wild-flowers**. Take cash to ride the bus back. Take water, lunch, hat, sunscreen, and hiking boots. **No dogs.** *Bryce Wheeler at 934-3764.*

The **Inyo-Mono Retriever Club** will be holding their June picnic hunt test/training day on **Sunday, June 20** at **Parker Creek Meadows**, just outside of the June Lake Loop. Take Hwy 395 to the June Lake Loop North Junction (Hwy 158) and go approximately 1 mile to the Parker Lake turnoff and follow signs to the old camping area. **Activities for dogs of all skill levels.** Everyone is welcome. Sign-ups start at **8:00 a.m.** *For more information call Donna at (760) 872-1884 or Steve at 648-7065.*



## Tuesday

The **Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory (SNARL)** presents their **1999 Lecture Series**. On **June 22**, *Water balances and chemical conditions in high elevation catchments, lakes and streams of the Sierra Nevada.* **Dr. John Melack, Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, UCSB** at **7 p.m.** on **Tuesday** evening at the Green Church on Hwy 395 and Benton Crossing Road. **Admission is free.** *For more information call Leslie Dawson at (760) 935-4356.*

## Wednesday

On **Wednesday, June 23** hike with the **Sierra Club Range of Light group** **Wednesday** evenings. Hike for fun, fitness, and to learn more about the natural history of our area. Meet at Mammoth Union Bank parking lot at **6 p.m.** Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, take a light jacket and water. They hike for about **two hours**. Each hike is different and each destination is interesting and scenic. **Dinner** at a local restaurant afterwards is optional. *For more information, call Bryce Wheeler at (760) 934-3764.*

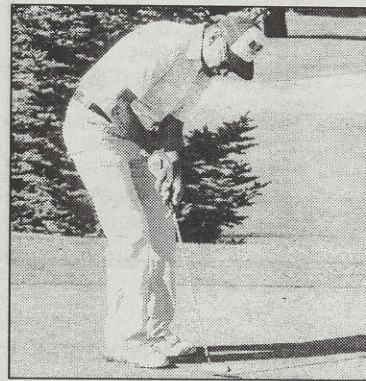
## June 24-30

## Thursday

Bridgeport's **Harley "HOG" Motorcycle Jamboree weekend** is on **June 24-27**. *Call for more details, (760) 932-7500.*

For all the **Motocross** lover's, Mammoth's annual **Motocross** will be here at the base of the **Sherwins** on **June 24-27**. *For more information, call (760) 934-0642.*

On **June 24-26** **Red Session** will be playing at the **High Sierra Rock'n House of Blues**. (MotoCross Weekend) This band originated in Honolulu seven years ago and is known for it's **BIG SOUND**, enthusiastic live shows, and ability to play all night. *For more information, call Phil at (760) 934-7019.*



## Friday

**Sierra Star Gold Course Grand Opening.** *Call for more details, (760) 934-0645.*

A **FREE** weekly fly tying seminar featuring the best regional and international fly tyers will take place at **The Trout Fitter** at **7 p.m.** *Call (760) 924-3676 for more information.*

## Saturday

The **Eastern Sierra Audubon Society** is sponsoring a hike in the **Deadman Creek** area to see woodpeckers and other birds on **Sat. June 26**. The hike will mostly be level with a **distance less than 2 miles**. Please meet at **9 a.m.** at the **Crestview Rest Area**, near the restrooms. Take a lunch, water, walking shoes, and binoculars. *For more information call Jim or Debby at 872-4447.*

June 26-27

**To ensure that your own special event appears in the Calendar, please call Jo Ann at 934-8544.**

## UPCOMING

Join officers from the **Mammoth Lakes Police Department** and the **Mono County Sheriff's Department** for their **Third Annual Tip-A-Cop Dinner** at Ocean Harvest on **Wednesday, June 30**, with the doors opening at **5:30 p.m.** **Reservations are suggested.** All gratuities and a portion of all sales will go to the local **D.A.R.E. programs.** *Please call (760) 934-8539 for more information.*

**Mammoth Lakes Lion's Club 22nd Annual Road Run** on **Saturday, July 3**. This is the **Highest 10K Run** in California. While here for the run, enjoy **Mammoth Lakes Fourth of July Holiday** celebration and the **Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, July 4**. *For more information call David Moss at (760) 934-4168.*

**Mammoth Mountain** presents the **Wizards of Wooden Music Festival** in the cool and pine scented **Woods Site** on **July 3**. *For more information, call (760) 934-0606.*

The **Celtic Festival** will be held in the beautiful **Woods Site** on **July 3 & 4**. *For more information, call (760) 934-5755.*

**Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee** is already gearing up for this years Jubilee on **July 8-11, 1999**. There will be **22 bands** with **10 venues**. Most venues are within walking distance of each other. **Free town shuttle.** Dance floors at most locations. *For more information on the Jazz Jubilee call (760)-934-2478 or (800) 367-6572, E-mail: mljj@qnet.com or www.mammothjazz.org.*



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# Mountain Music

## New Events and Musicians Join 1999 Jazz Jubilee

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Two brand new bands for this year are The Phil Norman Tentet and Lance Buller's Monarchs. Check them out and give them a big welcome.

Special event new this year is the Jazz Junk Swap Meet. It will take place on July 10 from 9 a.m. till 12 noon in the nevados parking lot. Also that morning is a one-hour program devoted to Swing dance Lessons. Learn the most popular swing dance steps from the pros, or show off your own dancing talents at what will prove to be a fun time for all. Dance lesson run from 10:45-11:45 a.m. on July 10 at the Yard Site.

Also the Thursday evening performances and the Good-by

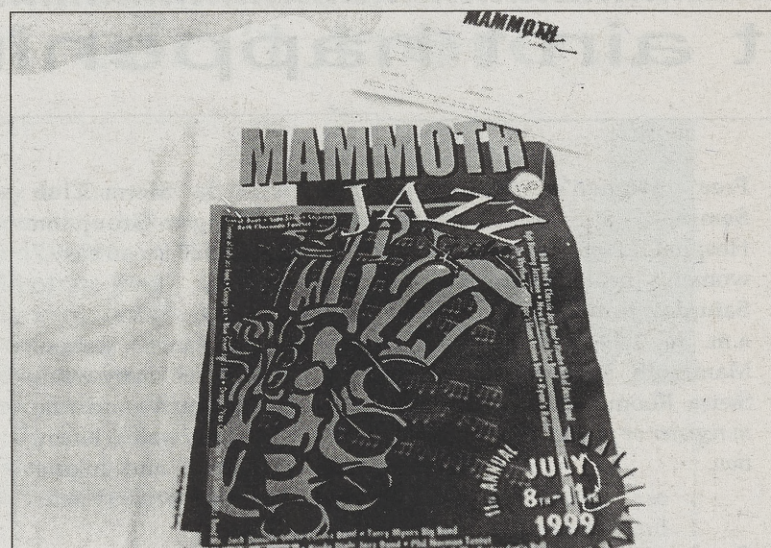


Photo by Jo Ann Ellebracht

1999 Jazz Jubilee T-shirts could win you a vacation, TV, CD player or many other great prizes.

'99 Jubilee events are no longer free. An "All Jubilee" Badge or a \$5.00 cover charge will be required to enter these parties.

Let's not forget about those famous t-shirts that could win you the Grand Prize of 2 tickets on American Airlines to anywhere in the Continental U.S.A., or first place is 27" Color Television. Second place is a CD player, and many certificates for

merchandise. The Jazz Jubilee T-Shirts are \$15 and the golf shirts are \$25. They are available at the following stores: Another T-Shirt Shop, The Booky Joint, Graphic Conclusion, Kittredge Sports, Main Street T-Shirt Company, Sandy's Ski & Sports and Sierra Floor Covering. For more information on the T-shirts, call Kathy at Sierra Floor Covering at (760) 934-8442.

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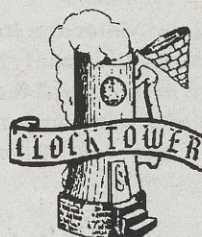
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## Trout

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caddis, baetis and yellow stones are all starting to go. Should be excellent in a week or two!

**Upper Owens River:** Pretty good results seen in the upper river on beadhead zug bugs, beadhead prince nymphs, poxy-back yellow stones, soft hackle pheasant tails, hares ears, danger babies, flashback prince nymphs, ram caddis, z-wing caddis, parachute adams, female adams, brooks sprout baetis, direct hackle baetis, cdc duns, stimulators, yellow sallys and parachute ants. Best action seen in the late morning and evening hours.

**Rock Creek Lake:** Some very good results found in the morning hours with olive wooly buggers, olive mini-leeches, olive carey buggers, black wooly buggers, black/blue champagne flies, black mini-leeches, mighty minnows, spruce flies, hornbergs, grey ghosts, lite-brite zonkers, zug bugs, lite brite prince nymphs and muskrat nymphs.

### Fish and Game

#### Trout Plants For the week of June 14

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### Mammoth Lakes Basin:

Very good success seen at Twin, Mamie and George with cinnamon twin lakes specials, cinnamon wooly buggers, black leeches, olive carey buggers, olive wooly buggers, neopolitan wooly buggers, black twin lakes specials, spruce flies, lite brite zonkers, black/blue champagne flies, brown twin lakes specials, mickey finns, beadhead olive wooly buggers, olive matukas, black matukas, hares ears and williams lake wonders.

**San Joaquin River:** The road to Devils Postpile is open. The water is still very high but some good results found in slower water areas on beadhead prince nymphs, beadhead pheasant tails, beadhead birds nests, brassies, copper johns, hares ears, rubber legged hares ears, black stonefly nymphs, royal trudes, parachute adams, stimulators, mean greenies, sofa pillows and parachute hoppers. Be careful if wading as water is deceptively fast in many areas.

**Sotcher Lake:** The best lake fishing in the area. Excellent action seen during mid-day hours with olive mini-leeches, olive wooly buggers, green apple wooly buggers, beadhead carey buggers, blue carey buggers, black/blue champagne flies, brown twin lakes specials,

black mini-leeches, olive matukas, black matukas, hares ears and muskrat nymphs. Don't miss out on this one!

**June Lake Loop:** Good results seen at Silver and Grant on olive twin lakes specials, black/blue champagne flies, black wooly buggers, brown twin lakes specials, cinnamon twin lake specials, cinnamon wooly buggers, olive carey buggers, hornbergs, olive matukas, hares ears, pheasant tails, prince nymphs, widgeon soft hackles and v-rib midges. Try fishing late mornings for best chances of success.

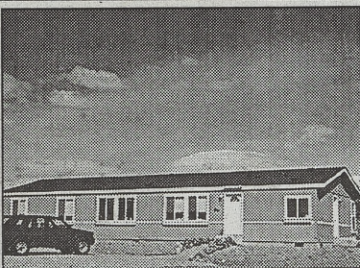
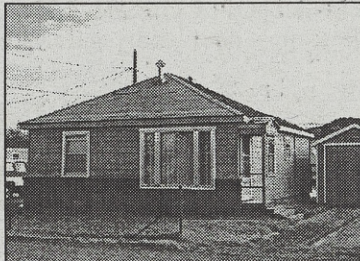
**East Walker River:** Water levels are pretty high and results are only fair for most. Some good results seen on flashback prince nymphs, beadhead hares ears, pheasant tails, neutron nymphs, soft hackle pheasant tails, z-wing caddis, cdc caddis emergers, brooks beadhead caddis pupa, beadhead zebra midges, cardinal midges and black wooly buggers.

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# Talking Trout

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## Try Fishing Sotcher Lake for Great Alpine Lake Fishing

Talking Trout  
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### Guides Tip of the Week

Understanding the water in which trout live and feed is generally considered the most important element in successful flyfishing. Fly fisherman must study water carefully before they can possibly understand trout and their feeding habits.

All water flowing downhill moves at a rate and rhythm dictated by the contours of the land it flows through. All flowing waters develop the same general properties regardless of the amount or size of the stream. These properties are known as riffles, runs, pools, flats and tai-

louts and they occur in that order.

Different water types and special properties of each will provide suitable habitats for different types of aquatic foods. Knowledge of these water types will provide the serious flyfisher with immediate clues for selection of the best natural food imitation. Each section of the stream will have distinctive food forms living there, according to their adaptive radiation during their evolution. For example, swimming and crawling mayflies live in fast water riffles while burrowing mayflies live in slow moving areas such as pools. Stoneflies require fast, well aerated water to survive, so they are seldom found in deep runs or pools. Highly mobile

foods, such as scuds and minnows, move daily to areas where food and water conditions best suit them.

Therefore, reading the structural flow anatomy of a stream or river is key to the understanding of the lives of trout and their foods and should be a prime subject for the flyfishers careful study.

### Suggested Flies For Area Waters:

**Crowley Lake:** Very good results continue at Green Banks, Hilton, Sandy and McGee with beadhead claret mini-leeches, olive zonkers, lite brite zonkers, grey ghosts, olive wooly buggers, black mini-leeches, brown mohair leeches, olive mini-leeches, muskrat nymphs, Williams lake wonders, v-rib midges, chironomids and hares ears. Try fishing mid-day or late evenings for best results.

**Hot Creek:** Please remember not to wade at all in this fragile and unique stream environment. Thank you for respecting the resource. Subsurface action continues to be excellent for those using lite brite prince nymphs, neopolitans, beadhead pheasant tails, hares ears, pearl caddis, z-wing caddis, brooks caddis emergers, beadhead caddis pupa, poxyback yellow stone nymphs, soft hackle pheasant tails, neutron nymphs, brooks baetis emergers, wd40s, beadhead wd40s, cardinal midges, desert rose midges, and western midges. Some pretty good surface action found in the late mornings and early afternoons with parachute adams, elk hair caddis, EC caddis, brooks sprout baetis, brooks sprout midges, henrys fork yellow sallys, headlight yellow sallys. The dry fly action is improving rapidly as



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Jim Taibi fishing on the East Walker River in Nevada.

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